Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moldeen.—I second it.

President.—The question before the House is that leave be given to introduce the 'Cutchi Memons Succession Bill'.

Question put and agreed to.

Cattle Trespass Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce the 'Cattle Trespass Regulation Amendment Bill'.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—I second it.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—I oppose the Bill.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—From a most unexpected quarter the opposition to the Bill has come. There is a Regulation regarding this already in existence and this is only an amending Bill. The purpose of this Bill is just to increase the fine provided under the Cattle Trespass Regulation so that agriculturists of the State may safely carry on cultivation. I have explained quite clearly in the Statement of Objects and Reasons the purpose of the Bill. So it is not necessary for me to make a long statement. I shall merely read the Statement of Objects and Reasons.

"The loss and injury suffered by cultivators and occupiers of land from damage done to crops and other produce of land by the trespass of cattle have enormously increased, despite the Cattle Trespass Regulation that now exists, and it is, therefore, deemed necessary to amend some of the provisions of the said Regulation with a view to minimise the damage done to crops and other produce of land by the trespass of cattle."

I do not think that any more explanatory statement is necessary to get the leave of the House to introduce this Bill.

President.—You have got a right of speech, Mr Harihara Ayyar.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—We have already the Regulation in force and the present proposal is only to increase the levy of fines for a camel, buffalo, bullock and cow. These are the general animals that we have got in the State, camel excepted. The levy of fine that is proposed is one rupee. This would induce any mischief-monger to take any cattle to a pound so that he will also get one share of the fine. Ordinarily the wages of a cooly vary from four to six annas. If a cooly removes one or two cattle to the pound he can make his living. The present amendment is capable of doing more mischief than good. Hence I oppose the Bill.

President.—The question before the House is that leave be given to introduce the 'Cattle Trespass Regulation Amendment Bill.

Question put and agreed to.

Nambudiri Reform Bill.

President.—The last Bill stands in the name of Mrs. C. Payitran.

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